

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

**The Minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System
Including the Jordan River and its Tributaries**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Department of Natural Resources Building, Conference Room #214, 1636 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday, January 10, 1996. The meeting began at 10:10 a.m. Those present and the Companies they represent are as follows:

Bill Marcovecchio	East Jordan Irrigation Company
Dale Bateman	South Jordan Canal
Everett G. Wood	South Jordan Canal
Tim Doxey	Salt Lake City Corporation
Norm Bray	Central Utah Water
Jeff Bryant	Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District
Marvin L. Steadman	Utah and Salt Lake Canal
Duane Richardson	Water User
Keith Hansen	North Jordan/Kennecott Utah Copper

Those members excused are:

Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Corporation
Sherwin Allred	Utah Lake Distributing Company
Wayne Ballard	Draper Irrigation Company

Those present without voting powers are:

Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Jim Riley	Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights
David B. Gardner	Commissioner

Bill Marcovecchio	Acting Chairman
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It was determined, by canvass of those present, that there was an adequate, qualified representation to form a legal quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official.

Mr. Sim introduced himself and the other representatives from the Division of Water Rights to the members present and indicated he would be conducting the meeting. He then asked Mr. Gardner to introduce all members of the water users.

Mr. Sim then indicated the first order of business was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary for the water users. A motion was made by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Steadman, that Mr. Marcovecchio be elected as Chairman and Mr. Gardner be elected as Secretary. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sim then turned the meeting over to Mr. Marcovecchio for the balance of the agenda.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read the minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 1995. After the reading of the minutes a motion was made by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that these minutes be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Sim to review the Financial Report as prepared by his Department. Mr. Sim then asked John Larsen to read the Financial Report. After the review of the Financial Report, Mr. Sim then reviewed the delinquent accounts. He indicated that it would be his recommendation that the Galena Ditch Company be deleted from the assessment roles. A motion was then made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Steadman that the financial statement be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated the next order of business was the review of the proposed budget for 1996. Mr. Marcovecchio indicated that the budget had been reviewed by the Board of Canal Presidents and Mr. Gardner. The proposed 1996 budget was to be exactly as presented for the 1995 budget with the exception of \$200.00 being moved from the Miscellaneous account (item 18) to the Travel Expense of the Commissioner. A motion was then made by Mr. Bateman and seconded by Mr. Doxey that the budget be set at \$112,240.00 and the assessment to all members be set at \$110,000. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read his 1996 Commissioner's Report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT 1996

On January 1, 1995, the lake was a -3.30 feet below compromise which is approximately one foot lower than the same period in 1994 and it looked like we would have an average year for our water outlook. But with March, April, May and June above normal precipitation, we reached compromise on June 1st and at this time it was necessary to open the outlet gates to accommodate our compromise agreement with Utah ^{Lake} Valley land owners. This in turn made it possible for our system to be operated by gravity flow throughout the majority of the irrigation season. On September 8th, the lake had receded to a -0.09 feet and it was necessary to begin pumping. Some of the canal systems discontinued irrigation on October 1st, but the balance continued to operate through

October 15th at which time the pumps were turned off and the lake receded to its lowest point (-1.14 feet below compromise.) Even though we have had a relatively dry winter, the lake has continued to rise and on January 1, 1996, the lake had risen to -0.15 feet below compromise. During the latter part of December, I had numerous conversations with Perry Smith, our superintendent at the Utah Lake Pumping Station regarding the probability of the lake exceeding compromise. We both agreed that there was very little doubt that it would exceed compromise, the problem being that we would be unable to raise the gates if they were frozen shut. Therefore on December 28 (-0.25), we opened gate number one and discharged approximately 100 c.f.s. Then because of the heavy storm we received on New Year's Eve, the lake had risen to -0.15 and an additional 400 c.f.s. was released.

Even though this is supposed to be a 1995 report, I feel that it is important that a projected outlook for 1996 be included in this report. As the record indicates, we are approximately 3.15 feet higher on January 1, 1996 than we were on January 1, 1995 and if we have a normal year, there is a possibility that even with the gates open, we could reach two to three feet above compromise but we are doing everything possible to control the lake elevation as per operating agreement.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated that the next order of business was the selection of a Water Commissioner and Deputy Water Commissioners be recommended to the State Engineer for the 1996 appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Bateman and seconded by Mr. Hansen that Mr. Gardner be appointed as Utah Lake and Jordan River Commissioner for the period from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 to use that portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said System and to file with the State Engineer's Office an Annual Report of said Distribution System; also that Mr. Jack B. Rindlisbach, Mr. Perry Smith and Mr. Greg Lewis be recommended as Mr. Gardner's Deputy Commissioners for that same period of time. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Committee to represent this District and transact any business in its behalf. Mr. Marcovecchio also suggested that all members of the District be part of the Committee and by majority rule any business could be transacted for the District. A motion was made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Mr. Doxey, that this procedure be adopted. Voted and passed unanimously.

There was discussion from all members present concerning the monitoring of irrigation pumps that have been installed in Utah Lake yet not all are reporting these consumptive uses to the Water Commissioner. Mr. Sim then indicated that if Mr. Gardner would contact Mr. Riley that a list of all users could be obtained and from this list Mr. Gardner could contact these users and obtain the necessary meter readings.

Mr. Marcovecchio then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Sim at which time he asked if there were any other business to come before this body. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Bill Marcovecchio, Acting Chairman